

Skull much as in *M. Kirkii*. Nasals more bent down and compressed laterally than usual. Premaxillæ just touching nasals above.

Skull-dimensions of the type (a female, just adult) :—

Greatest length 109 millim.; zygomatic breadth 53·5; tip of muzzle to tip of nasals 34; nasals 18·7 × 16; muzzle to orbit 52·5; breadth of brain-case 43·7; muzzle to front of anterior premolar 24.

Hab. Kitui, British East Africa. Altitude 3500 feet.

Type. Female. B.M. no. 0. 9. 4. 2. Collected 27th July, 1900, and presented by Dr. S. L. Hinde.

The strong fulvous colour of this form will readily distinguish it from any of its allies.

XXXIII.—On a new Monkey from Nyasaland.

By OLDFIELD THOMAS, F.R.S.

AMONG a small collection of mammal-skins from Nyasaland presented by Mrs. H. R. Mill to the National Museum there occurs an example of a new monkey of the *Cercopithecus albigularis* group, which I propose to name in honour of its donor.

Cercopithecus Francescæ, sp. n.

General characters of *C. albigularis*, but smaller. Colour of body much darker and greyer, with less yellowish—the yellow being restricted to a narrow area along the back, and the hairs even then being only quite narrowly ringed subterminally with this colour; their basal three-fourths dark slaty grey and their tips black. Elsewhere, on head, nape, shoulders, flanks, and hips, the colour is dark blackish grey, finely grizzled with whitish. Hairs bordering ears on inner side bright reddish or fulvous. Usual light neck-patch present, dull white, not specially sharply defined, and not encroaching upon the back of the neck. Limbs below elbows and knees black. Tail long, its base grizzled like the body, the rest dull black.

Approximate dimensions of the type, a native-made flat skin :—

Head and body 450 millim., tail 620.

Hab. Near Mt. Waller, western side of Lake Nyasa; high up on the plateau.

Type. B.M. no. 2. 7. 24. 1. Collected by the Rev. James Henderson, and presented by Mrs. Frances Mill.

This striking monkey is readily distinguished from all its allies by its red ears and the reduction of the yellow in its body-colour. Its geographical ally, *C. Moloneyi*, is particularly strongly coloured on the back.

XXXIV.—*On Two new Hares allied to Oryctolagus crassicaudatus.* By OLDFIELD THOMAS.

A RENEWED examination of the South-African hares of the remarkable *Oryctolagus crassicaudatus* group has convinced me that not only is the form from Nyasa previously determined as *O. crassicaudatus* worthy of being distinguished, but also that another hare from the Orange River Colony, collected some years ago by Mr. A. W. Curry, should also be described as new.

Good material for the description of the true *O. crassicaudatus* of the Cape is still wanting, and I am at present by no means certain whether the type of Smith's *Lepus rupestris* (B.M. no. 45. 7. 3. 8) is only a young specimen of *O. crassicaudatus* or represents another definable form. In colour it closely agrees with the older known form, and is therefore unquestionably distinct from the small *O. c. Curryi* described below. A large *O. crassicaudatus* has a hind-foot length of 97 millim. (s. u.) and a greatest cranial length of 92 millim.; in the type of *L. rupestris* these measurements are respectively 71 and 69 millim.

Whether these hares are best considered as subspecies of *O. crassicaudatus* or as *species* of a *crassicaudatus* "group," I am doubtful, but, for the sake of showing their relationship, I provisionally adopt the former method. I am, however, by no means convinced that this is the proper solution of the difficulty.

Oryctolagus crassicaudatus nyikæ, subsp. n.

Lepus crassicaudatus, Thos. P. Z. S. 1897, p. 938 (nec Geoff.).

Size markedly less than in the true *O. crassicaudatus*, the feet particularly short and stumpy; ears also decidedly shorter. Coloration essentially as in that animal, the head and body grizzled greyish fawn, the rump more rufous. Individually the longer hairs of the back are black, with a subterminal buffy band and a paler base, and the wool-hairs are pale slaty grey for their basal halves, then buffy and the